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Department officer gave French Embassy (Carton) following information regarding recent agreement sell arms to Jordan:

Memorandum Understanding signed March 18 in Amman by which US agreed sell in excess $40 million military equipment and supplies. Included in sale are variety trucks, communications equipment, spares, and 100 M-48 tanks. Expect deliver tanks before end 1966. Agreed consider sale 100 more tanks at completion this understanding but type and timing delivery not specified. US offered up to $15 million credit to facilitate Jordanian purchase.

Brigadier Khammash, Director Plans and Organization, Jordan Arab Army, due soon Washington to work out arrangements. We understand he plans stop Paris on way Amman after visit here, and we believe he likely want discuss acquisition French supersonic fighter squadron.

Assistant Secretary Talbot leaving Tuesday March 30 for NATO Council meeting and will be in Paris to April 2. We have informed our Paris Embassy that Talbot prepared meet appropriate officials for general discussion Jordan arms question.

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